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## **House National Security Committee**

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#### **STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN FLOYD D. SPENCE (R-SC) ON THE U.S. ATTACK ON IRAQ**

“First, let me join with others in expressing support for the American men and women in our armed forces who executed the strike against Iraq. Saddam Hussein continues to viciously persecute his own people and deserves the civilized world’s scorn and condemnation. It is clear from our experience in the Gulf War that Saddam Hussein only responds to direct, unambiguous and decisive action. I hope today’s strikes in the South of Iraq compel Hussein to withdraw his troops from the North. If not, today’s strikes may mark the beginning of escalation in the use of force, with or without strong allied support.”